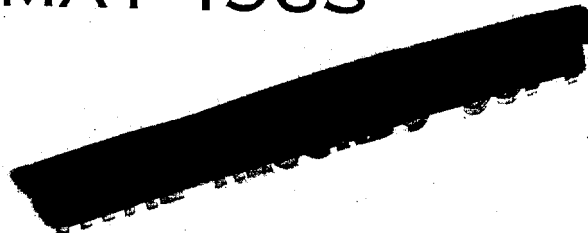


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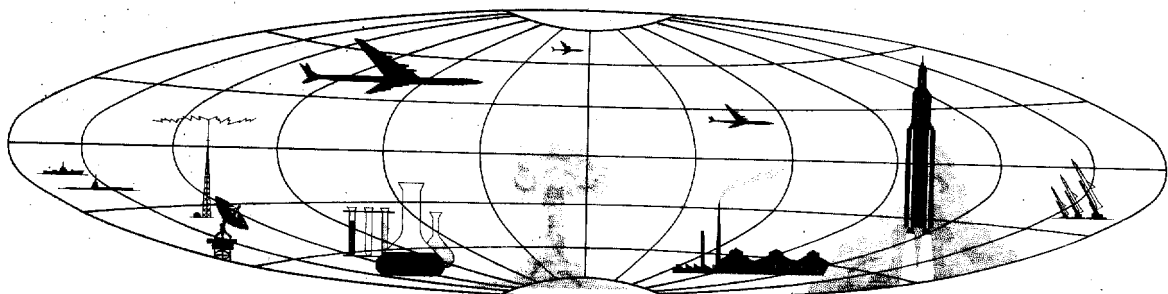


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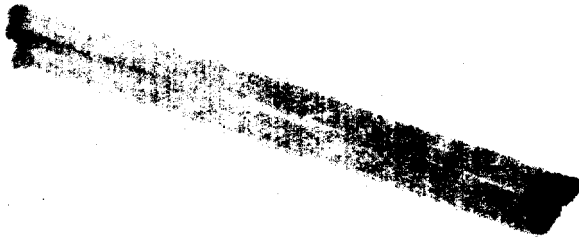
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3616, DATED 30 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER. THE ENTIRE AREA EAST OF 81 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE IS CLOUD COVERED.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

TWO REVELLED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 10 CANVAS-COVERED CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, A CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLE PARKING AREA, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO LAUNCHERS IN POSITION, 8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES, 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 34 FISHBED, 17 FAGOT/FRESCO/FARMER, AND ONE HOUND.

[REDACTED]

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 5 C-46, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE CLEAT, ONE COOT, 4 CRATE, ONE LODESTAR, AND 3 LIAISON/TRAINER.

[REDACTED]

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE FAGOT/FRESCO, ONE PBY, 3 C-47, 3 CRATE, 8 COLT, AND 41 LIAISON/TRAINER.

[REDACTED]

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 59 HOUND (ONE WITHOUT ROTORS), 6 HARE (2 WITHOUT ROTORS), 2 BELL HELICOPTER, AND ONE C-47.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT LA BOCA PIER, ONE COASTAL TANKER, AND 2 PF (ONE, THE CUBA).
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 2 PF, 5 PC, 4 PT, 35 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 5 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 2 LARGE TANKERS, ONE COASTAL TANKER, AND 3 TRAWLERS.

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
TWENTY-NINE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.
OBLIQUITY, FOLIAGE, AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 25 VAN TRUCKS AND 10 OTHER VEHICLES
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
THREE VAN TRUCKS AND 2 CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08251W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND COUNT OR
DEPLOYMENT OF VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN MAIN
CAMP OR IN THE COMMUNICATION SITE.

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TANK TRAINING AREA FACILITIES INCLUDE 5 LARGE BUILDINGS (ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION), 13 BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS, 10 LARGE (7 NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), 2 MEDIUM, AND 3 SMALL TENTS, AND AT LEAST 35 TANKS/SP GUNS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

EIGHT PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, 24 LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED.
HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

FIFTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS, 13 VEHICLES, AND 5 FA PIECES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 6 FA PIECES, 16 CARGO TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 40 PROBABLE TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 2 CANVAS-COVERED PARKING SHELTERS.
WEST AREA -- 36 CARGO TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 18 PROBABLE FA PIECES.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA ONE -- 12 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 60 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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25X1D AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- 10 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 7 UNIDENTIFIED
VEHICLES.
AREA 4 -- APPROXIMATELY 14 PROBABLE FA PIECES.
AREA 5 -- APPROXIMATELY 20 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

25X1D AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES AT PUNTA
REGLA AND APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES IN POL AREA.

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

25X1D A 5-GUN OCCUPIED COASTAL DEFENSE POSITION OBSERVED AT
23-04-24N 81-31-46W, UTM COORDINATES 17Q MR457516.

[REDACTED]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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25X1A

CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.
DARKNESS PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE
SINCE LAST COVERAGE--

25X1A

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| GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 | 2257N 08239W |
| GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 | 2257N 08236W |
| MARIEL SAM SITE | 2300N 08249W |
| MATANZAS SAM SITE | 2301N 08129W |
| BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE | 2257N 08317W |
| HAVANA SAM SITE | 2309N 08213W |
| BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP | 2308N 08210W |
| LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP | 2301N 08213W |
| SPECIAL AREA ALPHA | 2258N 08227W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE | 2250N 08233W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED | 2254N 08231W |
| SPECIAL AREA VICTOR | 2300N 08234W |
| SPECIAL AREA TANGO | 2258N 08244W |
| TARARA LANDING BEACH | 2310N 08212W |
| VARADERO LANDING BEACH | 2308N 08118W |
| LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION | 2301N 08245W |
| MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA | 2304N 08133W |

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

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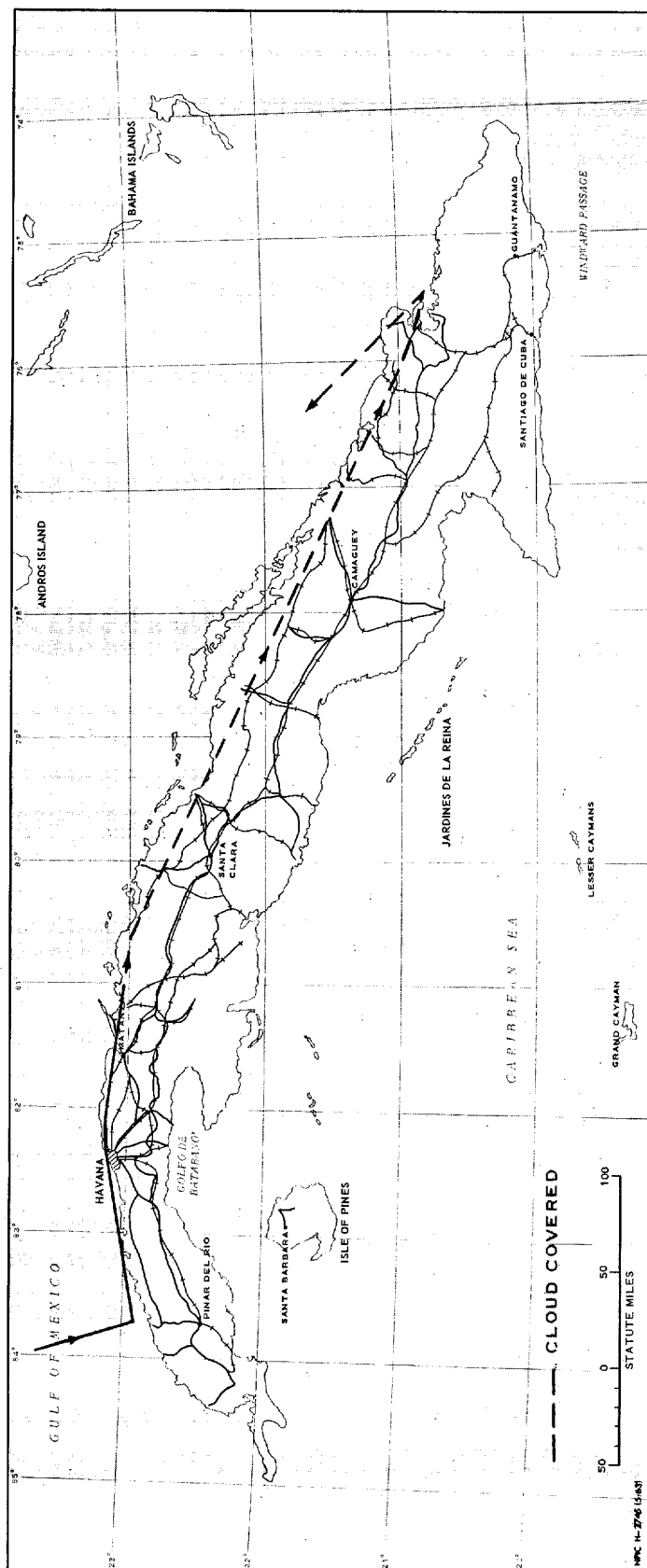
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| SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3 | 2242N 08308W |
| SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4 | 2246N 08258W |
| SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE | 2241N 08355W |
| SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA | 2257N 08221W |
| MANAGUA SAM SITE | 2259N 08215W |
| LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE | 2252N 08233W |
| SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP | 2258N 08220W |
| SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP | 2255N 08210W |
| TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX | 2259N 08228W |
| MADRUGA, POL STORAGE | 2256N 08149W |
| NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA | 2258N 08214W |
| BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES | 2256N 08223W |

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